

## A CEREAL STORY.

Actor Who Once Made a Meal Of Potatoes, Nasturtium and Pansy Seeds.

The refreshing part of a story which the New York Times recounts is not the stupidity of man in his domestic aspect. The particular man concerned is an actor whose wife—an actress—is an earnest advocate of the theory that food should fit the consumer rather than the reverse. Consequently there are periods when milk flows incessantly through the household menu. Again it is hot water, and at other times nuts, fruits and grains alone are relied upon to nourish genius to its finest flower.

Once, in the grain age, the wife was called away to a rehearsal that was likely to last well into the afternoon. She told her husband that he would have to get his own luncheon, and he cheerfully consented to do it.

"I had a fine meal of your new cereal," he said, when she returned.

"What do you mean?" she inquired. "I haven't any new cereal in the house."

"Why, that nutty stuff you left on the dining-room table."

The wife sat down suddenly. "You've eaten up my window-garden!" she wailed. "All my petunia, nasturtium and pansy seeds!"

## STARTING IN HOUSEKEEPING.

Young Bride and Groom Borrowed All the Furniture of a Neighboring House.

A curious story concerning an easy method of starting in housekeeping comes from Jefferson county, says the Utica Journal. A Watertown woman owns a house in a small village and occupied it prior to May 30 last, but on going to that city to live she locked it up, leaving the furniture inside. A few days ago she went to the village to see how her property was getting along, and greatly to her surprise she found that the furniture had disappeared. A little later, while looking around in the vicinity, she saw a brand new pump, which she had recently purchased, in the well on the premises of a neighbor. Following up this clue, she called at the house, and there found her entire outfit of furniture, carpets and dishes. The dwelling was occupied by a man and his wife who had been married only a couple of weeks, and the former said he had found the house of the Watertown woman open, and, believing that the owner would not object, he had borrowed the goods. He was evidently repentant, readily returned the furniture, and paid the woman \$10 for its use. This seems to be an instance where housekeeping is one thing and furniture keeping another.

## FORTY-YEAR CLOCK.

Jeweler Makes a Timepiece That He Will Probably Never Have to Wind Again.

A jeweler, calculating that he would in all probability live about 40 years, and during that time spend about 60 days winding the house clock—allowing two minutes each day for the task—decided that he would make a clock which would need winding but once during that period. He spent his odd minutes at the task, and has succeeded in producing a clock which is the only one of its kind in the world, says the New York Herald.

This 40-year timepiece is 15 inches in diameter and weighs 75 pounds. The movement is so geared that the barrel wheel, containing the mainspring, revolves only once in 2½ years. When this wheel has made 56 revolutions somebody will have to give the key 17 turns. The clock will then be wound up for another 40 years. The first wheel from the barrel wheel crawls around at the rate of one turn a year. The dial plate is six inches in diameter. The movement is full jeweled. The cork is put in a hermetically sealed glass case, and it will work in a vacuum, thus lessening friction and preventing the oil from drying.

## DEATH IN THE STREETS.

Frightful Loss of Life in Past Year in New York as Result of Traffic Accidents.

Waste of life in America has often been alluded to, but no illustration is more striking than the fact that in New York city during the last year 538 individuals have been killed in traffic accidents, says American Medicine. How reckless we are as to human lives is shown by the comparative figures for London, where—in a larger city—there have been only 158 deaths in the same way. It is said that the Merchants' Association of New York has resolved to pursue reform work in this matter by all the methods in its power, especially by such devices as may prevent the unnecessary number of accidents. For instance, the use of a new fender on trolley cars, which has been in successful use in Liverpool, England, is to be encouraged. The reckless speeding of these cars should be stopped. The fact that trolley accidents are more numerous in Brooklyn than in Manhattan demonstrates that it is not congestion of traffic alone that is responsible for the fatalities. Grade crossings of steam cars must be abolished, a reform that at once lessens accidental deaths in a marked degree.

## Bird Not at All Timid.

One naturalist in trying to photograph the nest of a rail stationed his camera not more than two feet away; but while he was in the act of focusing the instrument the bird fearlessly stepped into the nest and began to cover herself with the lining of soft fiber. She was photographed several times, and was then bodily lifted off the nest and carried some distance. The naturalist hastened back to the camera, but before a photograph could be had the rail was calmly seated on her nest again.

## IN THE HALLS OF LEARNING.

Of the 1,120 students in the University of Kansas, 460 support themselves.

The government of Spain is to open 14 agricultural schools in various parts of the peninsula.

Dr. James E. Lough, professor of psychology of the school of pedagogy, of New York university, has been named as director of the summer school.

A. R. Thatcher, of Haydenville, Mass., has presented to Tongaloo university, Mississippi, a fine collection of minerals, some specimens being quite rare.

Kuno Fischer, an eminent historian of philosophy, has given up his chair at Heidelberg. He is 80 years old, and has been at Heidelberg for 31 years.

Prof. Hele-Shaw, of the new University of Liverpool, is in South Africa to organize scientific education and prepare a university scheme for the Transvaal and Orange River colony.

The University of Missouri wants a song and yell, and is willing to give a prize of \$50 for each. The song and yell must be original in every way, and the song especially must be expressive of the sentiment of the university.

Albert E. Greene, a practicing engineer, a son of the late dean of the engineering department of the University of Michigan, has been appointed assistant professor of civil engineering, to take charge of the work formerly done by his father.

According to the results of an investigation made by Prof. W. E. Thomas, of Columbia, the medium age of graduates from 1890 to 1900 was 22 years and five months, while from 1850 to 1860 it was 22 years and nine months.

## PURELY PERSONAL.

Senators have a terrible time wrestling with Spanish words. They put the accents on the wrong syllables or give erroneous sounds to the vowels.

It is thought by those interested in the sale in London of the original manuscript of Milton's "Paradise Lost" that the offer of \$250,000 for the work is made by J. Pierpont Morgan.

Arthur Chamberlain, of Birmingham, England, a nephew of Joseph Chamberlain, has been touring Canada, partly on business and partly on pleasure. He bears a strong resemblance to Joseph, and looks and talks like a sharp, shrewd man of business.

Senator Hoar in his remarkable speech last week dealt frequently with the word "Panama," which he invariably spoke as though it rhymed with "pajama." Senator Daniel, the eloquent Virginian, had occasion to speak often of the treaty of New Granada, which he pronounced as though it rhymed with Canada.

George Winfield Scott, class of '96, of Stanford university, has been appointed chief of the newly-created division of law of the library of congress at Washington. The position is an administrative one and the salary has been fixed at \$3,000 a year. He will go to Europe in January in the interest of the government and will remain there about ten months, after which he will go to South America. While abroad he will be chiefly busy with law work and the gathering of books for the library of congress. Mr. Scott is a New York man and has held scholarships in Columbia, Cornell, Chicago and the University of Pennsylvania.

## LITTLE TALES OF KINGS.

King Alfonso is giving his subjects lessons in agriculture.

Since his throat trouble, Emperor William has changed his voice, modulating it so as to reduce the pressure on the vocal chords. He now speaks in a somewhat lower pitch, his throat specialists having explained to him the theory of voice production, which he has practiced with considerable success.

Kink Edward made a fresh manifestation of his tact and kindness recently by sending a letter inquiring as to the condition of a member of parliament who had undergone an operation for appendicitis. The king said that as he had been subjected to a severe operation for the same malady, he had a fellow feeling for all who had to endure similar suffering. His act was the more noteworthy from the fact that the member is a prominent representative of a party which does not look with favor on kings or on an aristocracy.

Victor Emmanuel III. of Italy is one of the least kingly among European rulers. In person homely, awkward in manner, and exceedingly shy in company, he thoroughly detests the dreary toffery of court life, though he loyally refrains from shirking any of the duties falling to his position. He has no fondness for appearing in military uniforms, nor does he imagine that he is an able general simply because on occasion he has to wear the habiliments of a soldier. His majesty is very well read in science and literature, and is never so contented as when in the company of his wife. His court is the most democratic in Europe.

## TONGUE-TWISTERS.

Six thick thistle sticks.  
Flesh of freshly fried flying fish.  
The sea ceaseth, but it sufficeth us.  
Give Grimes Jim's great gilt gig-ship.

Two toads totally tired tried to trot to Tedbury.

She stood at the door of Mrs. Smith's fish-sauce shop welcoming him in.

Strict strong Stephen Stringers snared sickly six sickly silky snakes.

Swan swam over the sea; swam, swan, swim! Swan swam back again. Well swam, swan!

Susan shineth shoes and socks; socks and shoe shines Susan. She ceaseth shining shoes and socks, for socks and shoes shock Susan.—Woman's Home Companion.



JOHN J. BRADLEY.

The successful real estate broker, member of the city council who is ever ready to look after the interest of all the people residing in the 30th Ward.



HARRIS F. WILLIAMS.

Who is well known as one of the young and most successful members of the Chicago bar. Mr. Williams is a Democrat, is happily married and resides in the Sixth ward.



MAJOR LAWRENCE M. ENNIS.

Lawyer, orator and commander of the service men of the Spanish war for department of Illinois.



MISS GERTRUDE IRENE HOWARD.

The popular and proficient cornetist of Chicago.

## Quite Consoling.

Vicar (who has an unfortunate trick of saying "quite so" during conversation) calls upon the bishop about some parish grievance. The bishop during the interview tells the vicar how badly he (the bishop) is being treated.

"The fact is, my dear sir, many people seem to think I'm a perfect ass."

Vicar (consoling)—Quite so, my lord, quite so.—Tit-Bits.

## Same Thing.

He was interviewing the miserly rich man on how to succeed.

"My motto has always been," replied the man of money, offering his visitor a stogie, and lighting a good cigar himself, "Never despair."

"I thought," replied the interviewer, "that it was 'Never give up'—but it amounts to the same thing, after all."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

## Parental Objections.

Pretty Daughter—So you don't like Tom?

Her Father—No. He appears to be capable of nothing.

Pretty Daughter—But what objection have you to George?

Her Father—Oh, he's worse than Tom. He strikes me as being capable of anything.—Chicago Daily News.

## Same Old Cause.

"What's all this fuss about?" asked the policeman, stepping between the two young men.

The one that had got the worst of it and was wiping the blood from his nose pointed to the other fellow.

"He can tell you her name if he wants to," he said. "I won't."—Chicago Tribune.

## An Up-to-Date Fowl.

Mr. Hammerkick—There was absolutely no taste to that turkey I bought of you.

The Progressive Farmer—Well, taste isn't the main thing. That turkey was the most nutritious bird I ever sold; it had been fattened on health food.—Brooklyn Life.

## Masculine Supremacy.

Friend—Upon my word, Penbecker, I wonder that you haven't more spirit than to stop at home and look after the baby while your wife goes gadding about.

Penbecker (proudly)—My dear fellow—you must remember that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Ahem!—Ally Sloper.

## A Goose's Brother.

"Tommy," said the teacher, addressing a small pupil, "can you tell me what a propaganda is?"

The little fellow, after wrestling with the problem mentally for a short time, replied: "I guess it must be the brother of a proper goose."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Had Tried.

"I'm afraid," said the clumsy man, as he fell off his horse again, "I'll never learn to ride."

"Oh," said the riding master, "just keep on trying!"

"But, gracious! I'm having trouble now trying to keep on."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Valuation.

"Diggins says he is going to be worth \$500 before he dies."

"He'll be disappointed," answered the man who always sneers. "He may possess that much money, but on his own merits he'll never be worth two cents."—Washington Star.

## Only Hope Left.

"Why do you smoke those dreadful cigarettes, little boy? Do you like them?"

"Chee! I sh'd say not! But it's de only way a guy kin git fired from school now-days."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## He Finds a Way.

"My cheeks are cold," the lady cried, "And, wiser than Ulysses."

"If you don't mind," the youth replied, "I'll cover them with kisses."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

## OF COURSE.



Little Girl—Do you stutter all the time?  
Little Boy—N-n-n-n-no; only when I talk.—Chicago Journal.

## Optimism.

One glorious boon all have at hand—Or prosperous or diverse;  
Be grateful, however you stand,  
Your fortunes are no worse.  
—Detroit Free Press.

## Sure Death.

Norah—Pat said he would die if I refused him.

Bridget—An' did he say how?

Norah—He did. He said he would go to th' next Hibernian masquerade as King Edward, the Sivilinith!—Puck.

## A Scientist.

"I am glad to hear that you take so much interest in science, Miss Smith. What particular branch do you study?"  
"Oh, I study them all—palmistry, astrology, chiromancy and the whole lot."—Chicago American.

## Only a Few of Them Left.

Tommy—Pop, what is an optimist?  
Tommy's Pop—An optimist, my son, is a man who is married and glad of it.—Tit-Bits.

## CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Chancellor D. W. C. Huntington, of Nebraska Wesleyan university, is said to have dedicated a church for every year of his life.

Rev. Hugh Black says of Gladstone that he altered his opinions about many ecclesiastical things as about things political, but one thing never altered, and that was his personal faith in the verities of the Christian religion.

Rev. Victor M. Haughton was installed as rector of Christ Episcopal church at Exeter, N. H., succeeding his father, who occupied the position from 1855 up to a few months ago, when he was obliged to retire on account of failing health.

By the death of Mrs. Seth Howard at Phillips, Me., a month ago a pew in the Union church became vacant for the first time since 1835, in which year her husband bought it. Some member of the Howard family occupied the sitting almost every Sunday since that date.

Rev. James M. Stafford, who lives just across the river from Petersburg, Ind., preaches, owns a ferry (run by his father), invents things, takes out patents on them, and accumulates worldly riches. He is 27 years old, and the neighbors think he must be worth half a million.

Bishop Anderson stated at a meeting held in Brooklyn a few days ago that 9,000 of the young men in the colleges have volunteered for foreign mission work, of whom 3,000 are now in the field, 4,000 are prepared for the work and the others were ready if the churches would send them out.

Rev. Clyde W. Broomell, of the Swedenborgian church, West Utica street and Atlantic avenue, Buffalo, for years was a cowboy in the Bear river cattle country of Colorado. At one time he was foreman of a big ranch. Mr. Broomell went west on account of his health, having regained which he entered a theological seminary. He graduated in time to secure the Buffalo pastorate not long ago.

Rev. Dr. William Henry Roberts, of Philadelphia, who has been the stated clerk of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America for 20 years, said the other day: "Since I became stated clerk the church, which has now 1,100,000 communicants and a constituency of 4,000,000, has doubled in membership and in the expansion of all of its interests. The church has missions established in 15 foreign countries."

## GUIDE TO HEALTH.

Don't drink. You'll get thirsty again. Don't remember anything—especially your debts.

Don't work. It is very bad for the health to tire yourself.

Don't lend—borrow.

Don't want anything. If you should want anything, don't buy it; beg or steal it.

Don't try to say anything when you talk. It consumes brain power.

Don't eat anything. Your stomach may get out of order.

Don't wear clothes. They retard the free movement of the body.

Don't marry young. Don't marry old. Don't marry at all. If you are tempted to marry, attend court on a divorce day.

Don't get sick. If you think you are sick, whistle or turn somersaults. This is nature's cure.

Don't go to law. Choose the lunatic asylum.

Don't get excited. Keep ice in your mouth.

Don't fret, don't cry, don't laugh, don't buy, don't sell, don't grieve, don't love, don't play, don't humor yourself in anything, don't breathe.

Don't even be displeased. If your favorite corn is stepped on, say: "Thank you."

Don't be dissatisfied with anything. If your bank breaks be thankful you didn't have more in it.

Don't lose your temper. Nobody will pick it up and bring it home, even if they stumble over it.

Don't do anything but die!

## TRADE AND FINANCES.

There were at the time of the last statement 69,955 stockholders in the steel corporation.

The largest oil ship in the world, the Narragansett, has just been launched in the Clyde. She will hold 10,000 tons of oil, which can be discharged at the rate of 900 tons an hour.

In perfecting plans for a \$2,000,000 power plant to utilize the water at the falls of the Ohio river at Louisville, it will be necessary for promoters to get the consent of the war department.

The electric power which is now being supplied to many of the poorest families of France to run their looms also supplies light and heat, so that these families are in this respect better off than most of the well-to-do.

German chemists have seriously interfered with the business of indigo raising in British India by the production of artificial indigo; the maduro growers of France are frightened by the synthetic manufacture of that coloring matter; and now the government monopoly of camphor making in Formosa is threatened by a plant near New York, which is making artificial camphor.

## HAVE YOU NOTICED—

The most popular trade mark is the sign of the dollar.

A man's greatness depends largely on how extensively it is advertised.

Many a fool might pass for a wise man, if he could only hold his tongue.

Any old dude is good enough for a woman to walk down the street with, but she is mighty particular about the dog she drags along by a blue ribbon.—Chicago Journal.